



Agri-Facts about Delaware



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Near Record Yields for Corn and Soybeans

Timely rains and moderate temperatures throughout the 2004 growing season provided excellent growing conditions for Delaware farmers. Yields for the major commodities were near record highs as producers enjoyed one of the most bountiful seasons in several years.

2004 **corn** production in Delaware totaled 23,256,000 bushels, up 17 percent from last year's production. Production increases can be attributed to the second highest yield on record at 152 bushels per acre; surpassed only by the 2000 crop at 162 bushels per acre.

Soybean production in 2004 totaled 8,736,000 bushels, 36 percent above 2003 production. Yield at 42 bushels per acre is only 1 bushel below the record-setting yield of 43 bushels per acre set in 2000 and 6 bushels higher than last year's average yield of 36 bushels per acre. Growers harvested 208,000 acres of soybeans, 30,000 acres more than in 2003.

Winter Wheat planted acres for 2005 is forecast at 50,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

United States:

Corn for grain production is estimated at 11.8 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the November forecast and up 17 percent from the 10.1 billion bushels produced in 2003. The average U.S. grain yield is estimated at 160.4 bushels per acre, 0.2 bushels above the November forecast and up 18.2 bushels from 2003. Both production and yield estimates are the largest on record. The previous record for both was set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre.

Soybean production in 2004 totaled 3.14 billion bushels, the largest U.S. soybean crop in history. This is down slightly from the November forecast but 28 percent above the 2003 level. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 42.5 bushels, 0.1 bushel below the November forecast, but 8.6 bushels above the 2003 final yield.

Winter Wheat seeded area for 2005 is expected to total 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004.

The entire report is available at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Delaware		1,000 Acres						1,000	
Corn 1/	acre	170	160	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	bu	---	---	162	153	123	152	19,926	23,256
Corn Silage	ton	---	---	5	6	16	17	80	102
Soybeans	bu	180	210	178	208	36	42	6,408	8,736
Winter Wheat	bu	50	50	47	47	41	58	1,927	2,726
Barley	bu	25	29	21	26	59	80	1,239	2,080
All Hay	ton	---	---	13	14	2.92	2.93	38	41
Alfalfa Hay	ton	---	---	5	6	2.70	3.90	14	23
Other Hay	ton	---	---	8	8	3.00	2.30	24	18
Potatoes, Summer	cwt	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.1	240	260	864	806
United States		1,000,000							
Corn 1/	acre	78,603	80,930	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	bu	---	---	70,944	73,632	142.0	160	10,089	11,807
Corn Silage	ton	---	---	6,583	6,103	16.0	18	107	107
Soybeans	bu	73,404	75,208	72,476	73,958	34.0	43	2,454	3,141
Sorghum ¹	bu	9,420	7,486	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	bu	---	---	7,798	6,517	52.7	69.8	411	455
Sorghum Silage	ton	---	---	343	352	10.4	13.5	4	5
Wheat, Winter	bu	45,384	43,350	36,753	34,462	47	44	1,717	1,499
Barley	bu	5,348	4,527	4,727	4,021	59	69	278	279
All Hay	ton	---	---	63,383	61,916	2.49	2.55	158	158
Alfalfa Hay	ton	---	---	23,529	21,707	3.24	3.47	76	75
Other Hay	ton	---	---	39,854	40,209	2.04	2.05	81	82
Apples	lbs	---	---	---	---	---	---	8,613	9,459
Peaches	lbs	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,519	2,598
Potatoes, Summer	cwt	63.4	59.1	58.7	54.6	320	345	19	19

¹/Acres planted is for all purposes: grain, silage and other.